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schemes. Hence, those genuine Non-Governmental Organisations, who are found to have properly utilized funds, are eligible for further funding by the Ministries. In case, funds are not utilized, or mis-utilised, the Central Ministries/Agencies, should blacklist the Non-Governmental Organisations and take further action as per law.

Insurgent activities in Assam

1109. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Unease in Assam" appearing in the Hindu dated 3.10.2001; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to control the various insurgent activities in Assam so as to ensure law and order in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.